Rehabilitation of people displaced due to construction of dams

†*370. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that people displaced due to the construction of dams starting from Bhakra dam to the dam constructed on Narmada have not been fully rehabilitated;

(b) if so, the reaons for not rehabilitating these people till now; and

(c) by when, the displaced people of Narmada River dam would be fully rehabilitated?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) to (c) Irrigation being a State subject, the responsibility of planning, investigating, funding along with priority, exceution, operation and maintenance of irrigation projects, including rehabilitation of displaced families primarily rests with the concerned State Government and project authorities. Necessary provisions for resettlement and rehabilitation of project affected families are made from time to time as per the prevalent guidelines/policy/regulations. Project authorities and State Governments take appropriate action to implement the works related to resettlement and rehabilitation.

The Bhakra Beas Management Board has reported that all the outstees were resettled in accordance with the guidelines framed by Bhakra Rehabilitation Committee.

The resettlement & rehabilitation of project affected people due to submergence by Sardar Sarovar Project is carried out as per provision of Narmada Water Dispute Tribunal Award (NWDTA) and Supreme Court orders of October 18, 2000.

In order to guide various State Governments and other agencies in the work of resettlement and rehabilitation, the Government of India have brought out a "National Policy on the Resettlement and Rehabilitation for Project Affected Families-2003 in February 2004.

Amendment of loan grant ratio to States

†*371. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding basis for providing 70 per cent loan and 30 per cent grant to States;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether any State has demanded for amending loan-grant ratio; and

(c) if so, the demand of State Governments in this regard and the decision expected to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Central Assistance flowed to States on a Schematic basis until the year 1968. From 1969 the Gadgil-Mukherjee formula, was approved by the National Development Council, wherein Central assistance would flow to the States as block assistance without being tied to any specific sector in the loan grant ratio of 70:30 for general category States and 10:90 for Special Category States. This assistance popularly came to be known as Normal Central Assistance. Over the years, however, Gadgil Formula underwent several changes and several components of Schematic/ Programme-related assistance were introduced. However, all assistance, other than programme-related assistance, including Additional Central Assistance, Special Plan Assistance, Special Central Assistance and Externally Aided Projects flowed in the loan grant ratio of 70:30 for General Category States and 10:90 for the Sepecial Category States in the Normal Central Assistance pattern.

Rajasthan raised the demand in the last National Development Council meeting in June 2005, for enhancing the grant component of Central Assistance. However, there is no proposal under the consideration of Planning Commission for the modification in the loan grant pattern for the allocation of Normal Central Assistance.

Promotion of Buddhist sites

*372. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to launch a concerted campaign for promotion of Buddhist sites of the country especially to attract overseas tourists;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the details of the Buddhist sites in Orissa where the upgradation of the infrastructure is proposed to be taken up under this project?